



Fact Sheet

Proposed Cleanup Order & Dangerous Waste Permit for the Univar USA Inc. Facility in Kent, WA

Summary

This fact sheet describes:

- ✓ The Univar USA Inc. facility
- ✓ Proposed site cleanup and permit documents
- ✓ Ecology's process to finalize the documents
- ✓ How the public can participate

Environmental investigations have identified that soil and groundwater at Univar's Kent facility are contaminated with various organic chemicals. Under state and federal law, Univar must investigate and cleanup the contamination. Opportunities for public input are part of the cleanup process. Several site documents are now available for public review and comment.

Site Description

For over thirty years, Univar has stored, packaged, and distributed various chemical products from their facility in Kent. The facility covers eleven acres and is surrounded by many other commercial and industrial properties.



Location of Univar's facility in Kent, WA.

In the mid 1990s waste management activities and releases of hazardous substances were investigated and cleanup actions were initiated under state and federal cleanup laws.

Soil and groundwater beneath the site are contaminated with organic chemicals and chlorinated compounds. Low concentrations of organic chemicals in the lower aquifer have migrated north across 212th Street beneath an adjacent industrial property.

Draft Site Cleanup and Permit Documents

Univar has investigated site soil and groundwater and has been researching potential cleanup options. Ecology wants to issue an order that will provide the framework which will govern future site cleanup work. The order will help identify and select a cleanup plan for Ecology's approval. The following documents are available for public review and comment:

Draft Agreed Order

Ecology is proposing to issue an agreed order to Univar. The order is a legal agreement between Univar and Ecology to conduct an environmental cleanup that meets the requirements of state and federal law. Specifically, the order seeks to finalize the site investigations, describe cleanup alternatives, identify a preferred cleanup option and draft a cleanup action plan.

Draft Dangerous Waste Permit

Univar no longer stores dangerous waste at this facility. However, federal regulations require a facility to have a hazardous waste permit until all waste related activities, including cleanup, are complete.

Public Comment Period
45 Days
September 2 to October 18, 2008

Fact Sheet: Proposed Cleanup Order & Dangerous Waste Permit, Univar USA Inc.

The fact sheet, draft agreed order and draft dangerous waste permit are available for review at:

Kent Regional Library
212 2nd Avenue N.
Kent, Washington 98032
253-859-3330

The information desk can direct you to Univar's documents

You may also view them, by appointment, at:

Washington State Dept. of Ecology
Northwest Regional Office
3190 - 160th AV SE
Bellevue, WA 98008-5452

Please call Sally Alexander (425-649-7239) or Sally Perkins (425-649-7190) to schedule an appointment.

Comments must be postmarked or received by **October 18, 2008**. Send them to:

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To receive a copy of any of the documents contact Greg Caron (TTY relay service available at 1-800-833-6388).

Procedures for Reaching Final Decisions

The proposed order and permit are subject to public review and comment. The public review process under the state's Model Toxics Control Act can be found in the Washington Administrative Code 173-340-600.

Comment Period

The 45 day comment period runs from **September 2 to October 18, 2008**.

A Public Hearing is Possible

If ten or more people request it, Ecology will conduct a public hearing. To request a hearing, or to request special accommodation for the hearing if one is held, contact Greg Caron by the end of the comment period. To find out if a public hearing

will be held and/or its date and location, contact Greg Caron after **October 18 2008**.

How to Participate

You may request, review and comment on any of the documents. Comments must be received by the deadline to be considered.

The most effective comments are those that:

- ✓ Provide specific information describing what aspect you believe is inappropriate.
- ✓ Provide factual and regulatory support for the comment.
- ✓ Suggest changes to fix the problem.
- ✓ Include supporting material that is not in Ecology's records (e.g., if the comment references a state or federal rule, Ecology already has that information; but, if the comment references a report not in the Ecology's records for Univar, then this would be appropriate supporting material). You need to provide a copy of the reference.

Decision Making Process

Responding to comments and testimony

Ecology will consider and respond to written comments submitted by the public and any testimony, if a public hearing is held.

Final decisions

After considering the comments and possible testimony, Ecology will make a final decision or make a new tentative decision on these draft documents. If public comments result in substantial changes, then an additional public comment period will take place.

Effective date of decisions

After considering public comments, Ecology will make a final decision on the draft documents. The effective date of Ecology's decision will be set forth in the respective documents.

Ecology is an Equal Opportunity Agency. If you need this information in an alternative format, or you have special accommodation needs for the meeting, contact Greg Caron at (509) 454-7893 (Voice) or 711 or 1-800-833-6388 (TTY relay service)

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